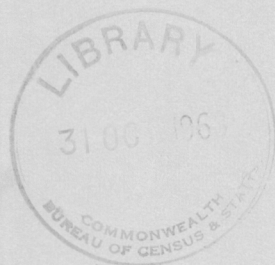


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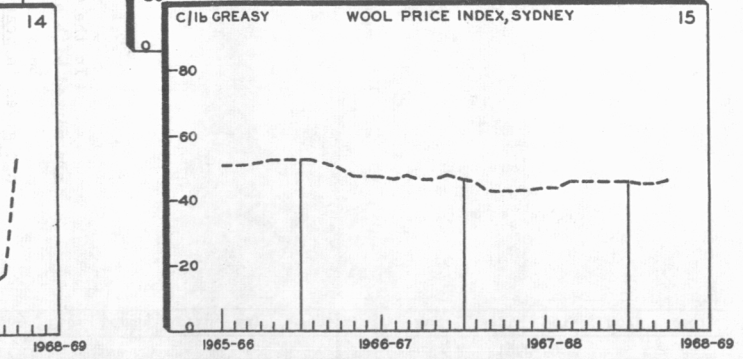
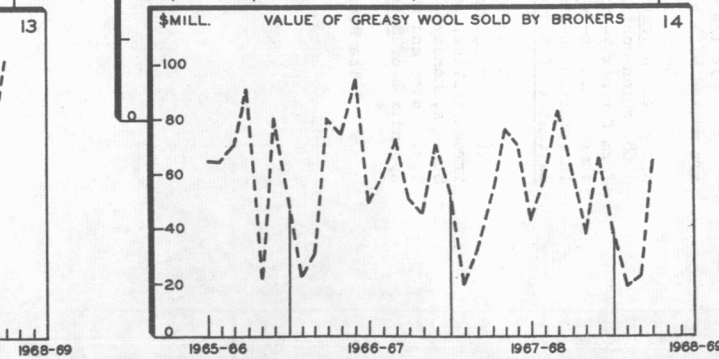
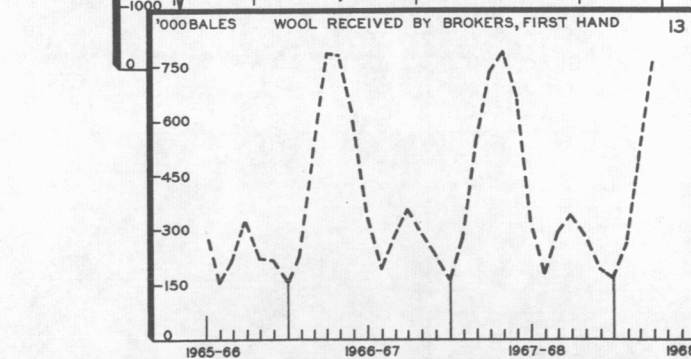
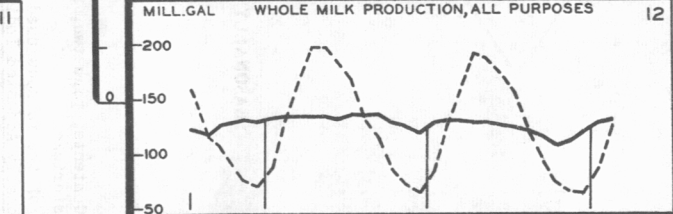
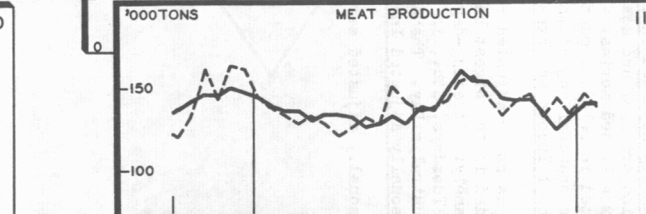
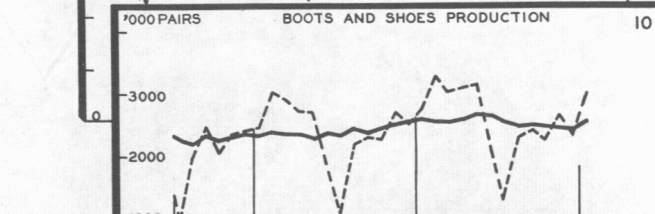
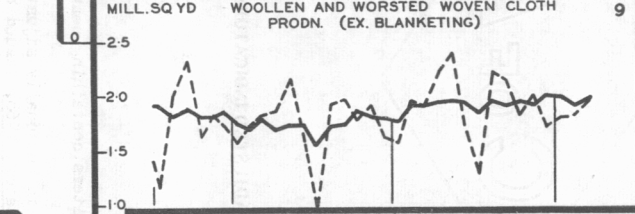
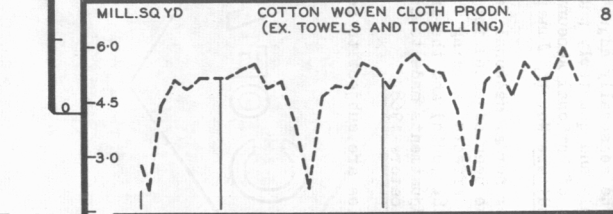
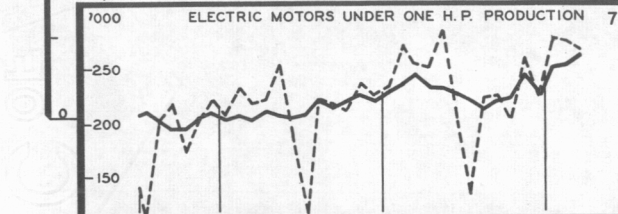
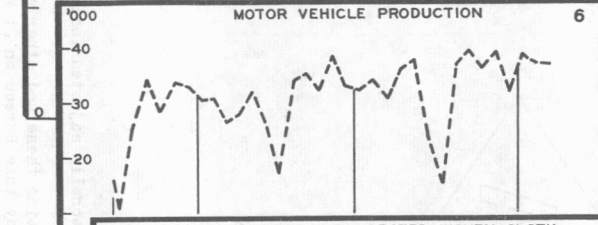
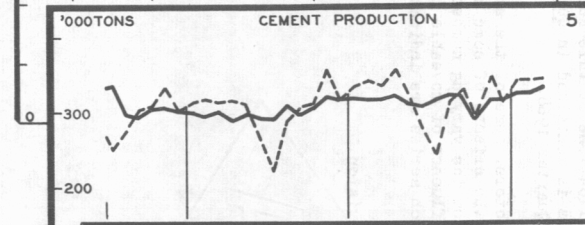
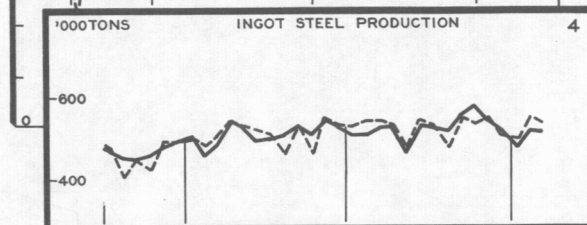
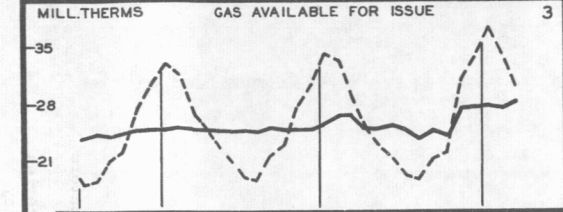
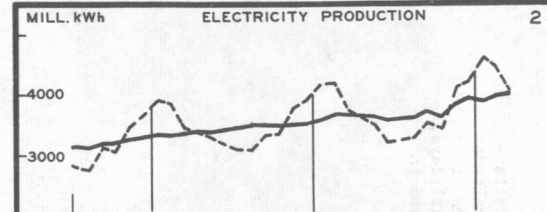
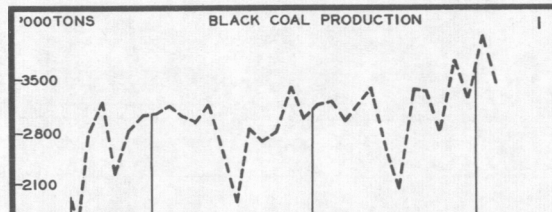
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The seasonally adjusted series are subject to revision.



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— SEASONALLY ADJUSTED



		1966-67						1967-68						1968-69											
		Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
PRODUCTION, ETC. (a)																									
1. BLACK COAL PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original	1,705	2,922	2,646	2,741	3,471	2,942	3,150	3,136	2,950	3,166	3,362	2,496	1,985	3,358	3,332	2,802	3,742	3,247	4,097	3,430			
2. ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION	mill. kWh	Original Adjusted	3,081 3,506	3,069 3,523	3,340 3,516	3,310 3,514	3,798 3,540	3,883 3,533	4,177 3,588	4,205 3,695	3,757 3,705	3,611 3,622	3,513 3,659	3,207 3,563	3,240 3,628	3,280 3,646	3,541 3,731	3,433 3,632	4,143 3,876	4,656 3,559	4,640 3,896	4,472 3,954	4,028 4,008		
3. GAS AVAILABLE FOR ISSUE	mill. therms	Original Adjusted	18.9 24.9	18.5 24.6	21.7 25.5	22.7 24.8	28.1 25.0	30.4 24.7	34.0 25.6	33.3 26.7	28.4 26.7	25.0 24.8	22.3 24.8	21.2 25.3	18.8 24.7	18.3 23.5	21.2 24.6	21.9 24.1	31.1 27.8	33.8 27.8	37.5 27.9	34.1 27.5	29.9 28.2		
4. INGOT STEEL PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original Adjusted	508 503	456 513	523 524	462 511	553 545	530 528	526 507	540 513	541 524	530 525	477 470	544 530	527 522	479 516	548 556	530 577	551 542	505 515	497 480	552 520	537 518		
5. CEMENT PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original Adjusted	223 296	251 314	308 298	311 309	354 324	317 317	336 322	341 321	333 321	354 324	324 313	277 307	240 317	312 324	329 323	296 291	347 317	314 317	341 323	344 325	345 334		
6. MOTOR VEHICLE PRODUCTION (b)	'000	Original	17.2	34.5	36.0	32.8	39.1	33.4	32.8	34.8	31.1	36.8	38.1	24.3	15.6	37.2	40.0	36.6	39.8	32.8	39.0	37.7	37.2		
7. ELECTRIC MOTORS UNDER ONE HP, PRODUCTION	'000	Original Adjusted	111 208	213 213	216 215	210 219	226 225	227 220	235 231	273 237	253 245	251 234	287 234	202 229	131 222	224 213	227 221	204 228	261 246	223 228	280 252	276 254	267 263		
8. COTTON WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION (excluding towels and towelling)	'000 sq yd	Original Adjusted	2,119 2,119	4,629 4,629	4,968 4,968	4,839 4,839	5,587 5,587	5,375 5,375	4,835 4,835	5,553 5,553	5,830 5,830	5,334 5,334	5,251 5,251	4,247 4,247	2,173 2,173	4,936 4,936	5,434 5,434	4,611 4,611	5,551 5,551	5,101 5,101	5,225 5,225	5,976 5,976	5,040 5,040		
9. WOOLLEN AND WORSTED WOVEN CLOTH PRODUCTION (excluding blanketing)	'000 sq yd	Original Adjusted	986 1,545	1,921 1,746	1,970 1,750	1,780 1,876	1,932 1,801	1,605 1,789	1,591 1,782	1,981 1,929	1,910 1,906	2,238 1,949	2,398 1,962	1,724 1,959	1,284 1,850	2,240 1,963	2,147 1,924	1,837 1,961	2,033 1,925	1,716 2,005	1,810 1,834	1,818 1,908	1,964 1,976		
10. BOOTS AND SHOES PRODUCTION	'000 pairs	Original Adjusted	1,111 2,364	2,229 2,503	2,354 2,442	2,305 2,495	2,739 2,560	2,584 2,589	2,808 2,624	3,312 2,593	3,027 2,565	3,117 2,617	3,154 2,675	2,040 2,662	1,318 2,554	2,330 2,512	2,433 2,534	2,272 2,502	2,668 2,498	2,319 2,467	3,030 2,588				
11. MEAT PRODUCTION	'000 tons	Original Adjusted	119 133	125 132	131 126	128 127	149 131	139 128	135 137	137 135	141 149	154 159	156 154	142 154	132 143	141 141	146 141	131 132	144 124	133 131	145 139	138 139			
12. WHOLE MILK PRODUCTION, ALL PURPOSES	mill. gal.	Original Adjusted	168 137	130 136	116 137	85 130	73 126	65 120	86 130	126 131	160 131	194 130	189 130	173 127	155 125	119 121	96 116	74 109	66 113	65 123	88 130	127 133			
13. WOOL RECEIVED BY BROKERS, FIRST HAND	'000 bales	Original	193	278	361	299	240	160	283	543	736	790	668	324	179	298	347	287	198	188	270	503	762		
14. VALUE OF GREASY WOOL SOLD BY BROKERS	\$ mill.	Original	60.1	73.3	51.1	46.6	71.3	52.3	19.8	32.2	55.2	76.1	70.3	42.4	59.3	83.4	59.0	37.4	65.9	37.7	18.1	22.4	69.0		
15. WOOL PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY	cents per lb greasy	Original	47	48	47	47	48	47	46	43	43	43	43	44	44	46	46	46	46	46	*	*	*		

(a) Figures for items 1 to 11 are preliminary from July 1967. Figures for item 12 are all preliminary.

(b) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

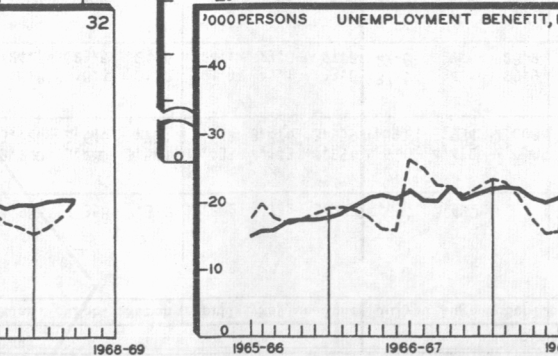
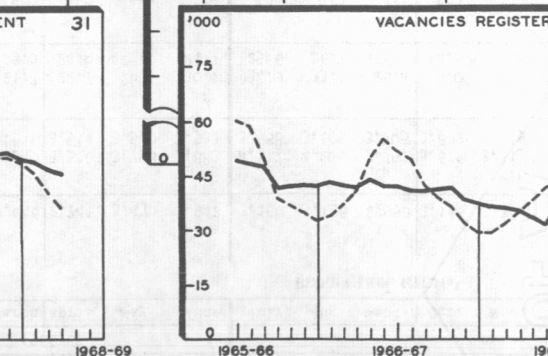
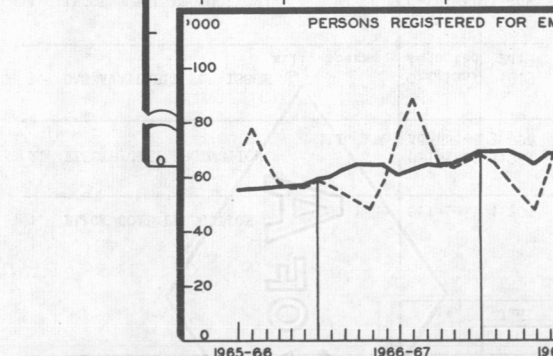
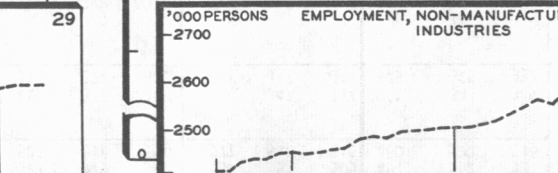
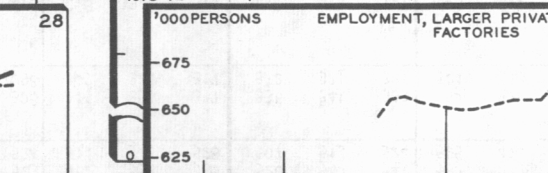
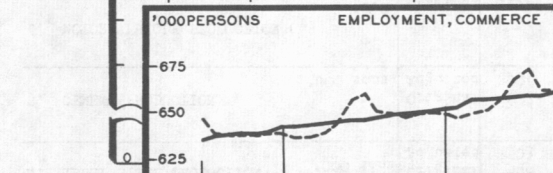
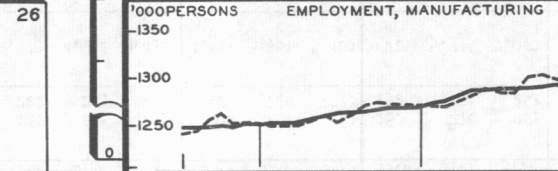
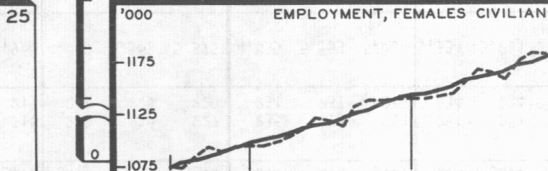
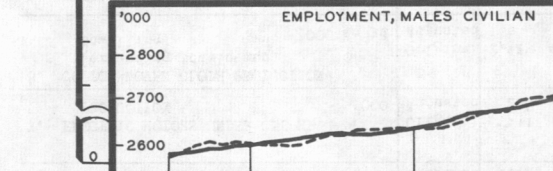
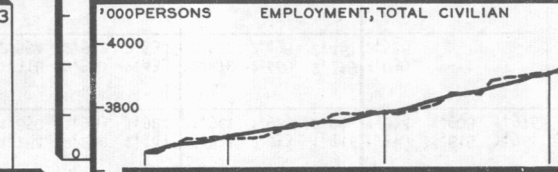
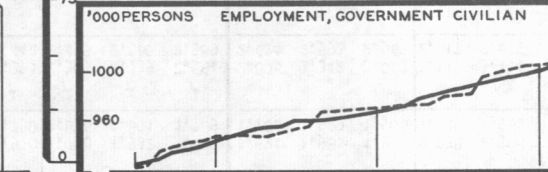
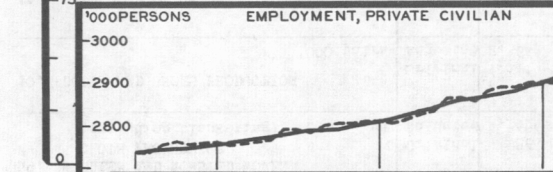
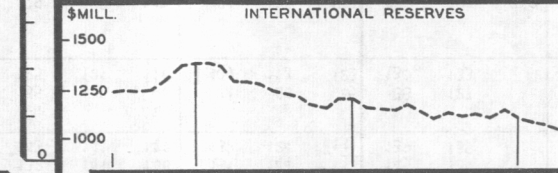
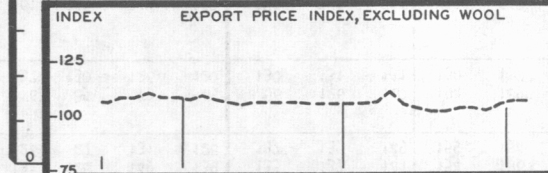
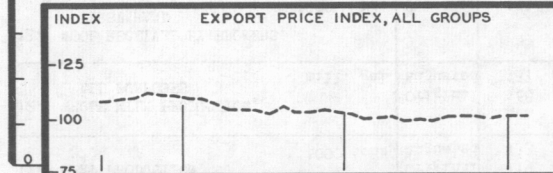
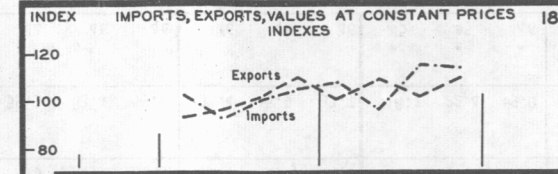
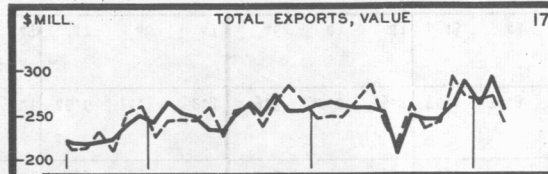
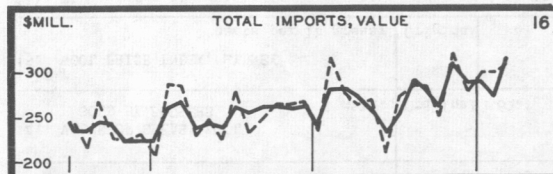
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		1966-67							1967-68										1968-69						
		Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
OVERSEAS TRADE																									
16. TOTAL IMPORTS, VALUE	\$ mill.	Original	279	233	250	265	264	269	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
		Adjusted	263	257	262	263	259	262	236	314	276	265	270	207	277	287	286	252	322	273	299	298	311		
17. TOTAL EXPORTS, VALUE	\$ mill.	Original	256	260	239	270	285	264	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
		Adjusted	253	265	251	275	255	256	247	248	246	266	284	239	216	259	234	240	293	273	265	269	240		
18. INDEXES OF VALUES AT CONSTANT PRICES IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE 1966-67 = 100 EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE 1966-67 = 100		Original		100		105			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
		Original		101		110			108		97		115		114		110								
19. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, ALL GROUPS	1959-60 = 100	Original	103	105	103	103	104	103	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
20. EXPORT PRICE INDEX, ALL GROUPS EXCLUDING WOOL	1959-60 = 100	Original	106	107	107	106	106	106	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
21. INTERNATIONAL RESERVES (a)	\$ mill.	Original	1,236	1,215	1,175	1,158	1,197	1,198	1,157	1,151	1,143	1,170	1,146	1,092	1,131	1,102	1,117	1,096	1,143	1,092	1,079	1,060	1,037		
EMPLOYMENT (b)																									
22. EMPLOYMENT, PRIVATE CIVILIAN (e)	'000 persons	Original	2,782	2,800	2,805	2,805	2,808	2,806	2,804	2,812	2,822	2,836	2,861	2,862	2,854	2,880	2,891	2,888	2,896	2,899	2,901	2,908			
		Adjusted	2,788	2,790	2,791	2,799	2,805	2,809	2,815	2,824	2,832	2,842	2,851	2,858	2,860	2,869	2,876	2,882	2,893	2,903	2,913	2,921			
23. EMPLOYMENT, GOVERNMENT CIVILIAN	'000 persons	Original	956	967	967	968	970	970	971	972	972	973	977	980	983	996	999	1,001	1,003	1,004	1,005	1,004			
		Adjusted	960	961	962	963	965	967	970	972	976	980	983	985	987	990	993	996	998	1,001	1,004	1,004			
24. EMPLOYMENT, TOTAL CIVILIAN (c)	'000 persons	Original	3,739	3,767	3,772	3,773	3,778	3,775	3,775	3,783	3,794	3,809	3,838	3,842	3,837	3,876	3,889	3,889	3,899	3,903	3,907	3,912			
		Adjusted	3,746	3,751	3,754	3,762	3,771	3,776	3,785	3,796	3,808	3,822	3,833	3,842	3,845	3,859	3,870	3,878	3,891	3,904	3,917	3,925			
25. EMPLOYMENT, MALES CIVILIAN (c)	'000	Original	2,622	2,634	2,633	2,633	2,638	2,635	2,635	2,640	2,646	2,654	2,671	2,676	2,678	2,699	2,704	2,706	2,712	2,714	2,716	2,719			
		Adjusted	2,623	2,622	2,623	2,625	2,631	2,634	2,640	2,647	2,656	2,665	2,673	2,678	2,679	2,687	2,693	2,698	2,705	2,713	2,722	2,727			
26. EMPLOYMENT, FEMALES CIVILIAN (c)	'000	Original	1,116	1,133	1,139	1,139	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,143	1,148	1,155	1,167	1,166	1,159	1,177	1,185	1,183	1,187	1,189	1,190	1,193			
		Adjusted	1,123	1,129	1,130	1,137	1,140	1,143	1,145	1,149	1,152	1,156	1,160	1,165	1,166	1,172	1,176	1,180	1,187	1,191	1,195	1,198			
27. EMPLOYMENT, MANUFACTURING	'000 persons	Original	1,260	1,273	1,277	1,274	1,273	1,271	1,271	1,272	1,277	1,282	1,290	1,283	1,284	1,300	1,305	1,298	1,299	1,300	1,302	1,304			
		Adjusted	1,265	1,265	1,266	1,269	1,271	1,272	1,274	1,276	1,282	1,286	1,289	1,290	1,289	1,291	1,293	1,293	1,297	1,301	1,305	1,308			
28. EMPLOYMENT, COMMERCE	'000 persons	Original	650	649	647	649	650	649	647	649	651	656	668	673	661	661	661	661	664	665	663	664			
		Adjusted	648	649	649	650	651	652	653	656	656	657	658	659	659	661	661	662	663	666	668	669	671		
29. EMPLOYMENT, LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES	'000 persons	Original	647	656	658	655	653	651	651	651	652	654	656	656	656	664	668	661	662	662	663	663	663		
30. EMPLOYMENT, NON-MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES (c)	'000 persons	Original	2,479	2,494	2,495	2,499	2,505	2,504	2,504	2,511	2,517	2,526	2,549	2,558	2,553	2,575	2,585	2,591	2,600	2,603	2,604	2,608			
31. PERSONS REGISTERED FOR EMPLOYMENT	'000	Original	89.0	76.3	64.9	64.0	66.2	68.5	65.4	59.8	53.2	48.6	63.0	83.6	96.2	79.1	69.4	67.0	67.3	65.3	61.4	53.5	48.4		
		Adjusted	63.5	64.9	64.5	65.5	67.9	69.4	69.6	70.0	67.9	64.7	68.5	68.0	68.6	67.4	69.0	68.7	69.2	66.1	65.5	62.8	61.8		
32. VACANCIES REGISTERED WITH COMMONWEALTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE	'000	Original	49.9	42.6	38.8	36.7	32.0	29.3	29.2	32.0	35.0	38.3	41.4	45.4	46.6	38.4	35.0	31.5	30.6	28.7	30.2	33.8	37.6		
		Adjusted	41.0	41.1	41.5	41.9	38.6	37.7	36.7	36.4	35.3	33.5	31.9	37.1	38.4	37.1	37.5	35.9	36.9	36.9	37.9	38.4	37.9		
33. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, NUMBER ON (d)	'000 persons	Original	25.0	22.2	22.1	20.9	22.0	23.4	23.0	20.8	17.2	15.3	15.7	26.3	26.7	24.2	21.0	21.1	21.8	21.3	19.8	16.8	14.2		
		Adjusted	20.3	20.3	22.4	20.6	21.3	21.9	22.1	20.9	20.5	20.1	20.5	21.7	21.7	22.1	21.3	20.7	21.0	20.0	19.1	17.7	17.0		

(a) "Gold and Foreign Exchange held by Reserve Bank" was \$1,010.0 million on 21.8.68; \$985.4m. on 18.9.68; \$1,008.7m. on 16-10-68

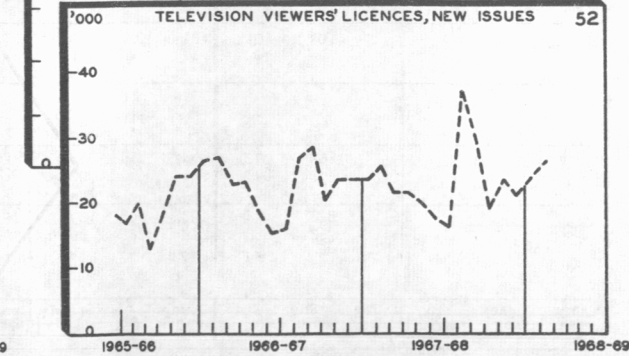
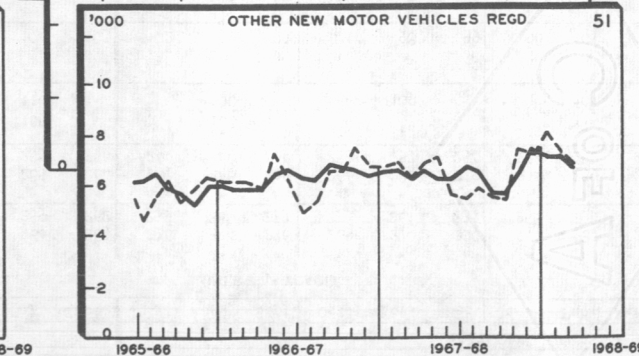
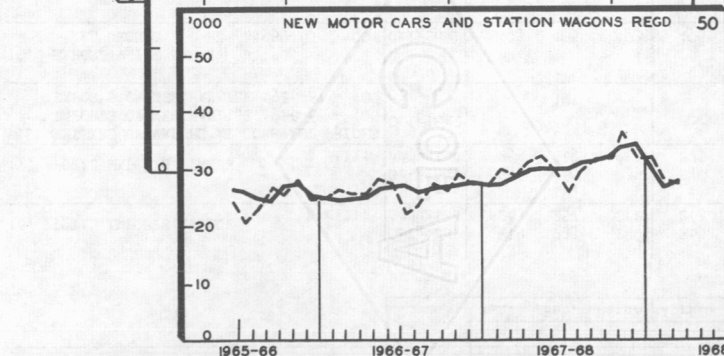
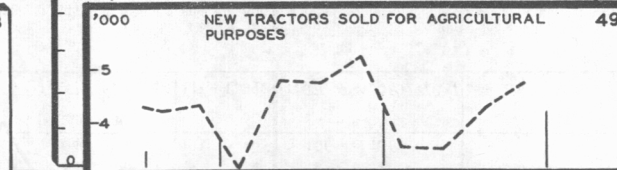
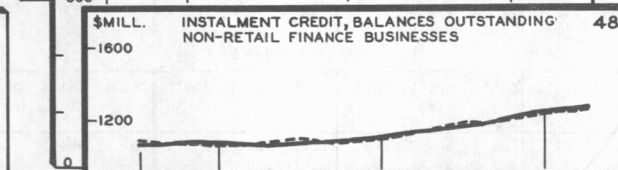
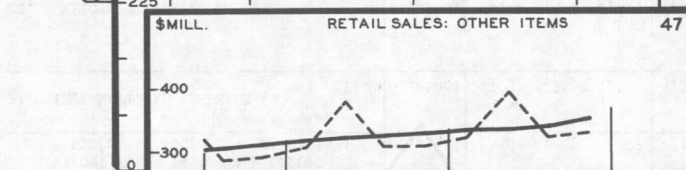
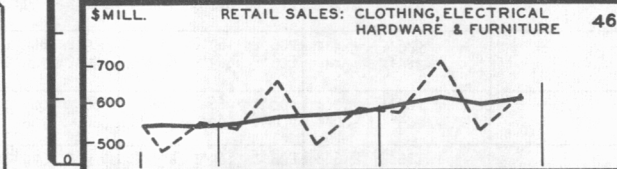
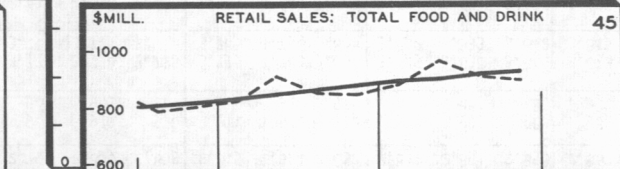
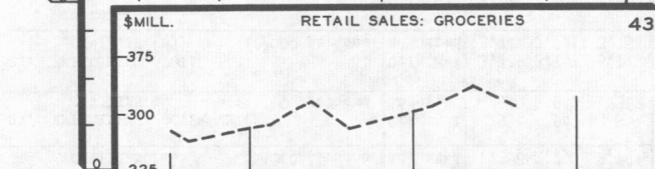
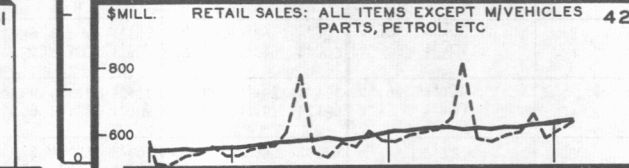
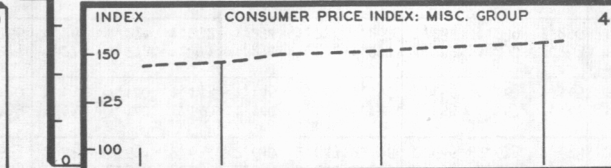
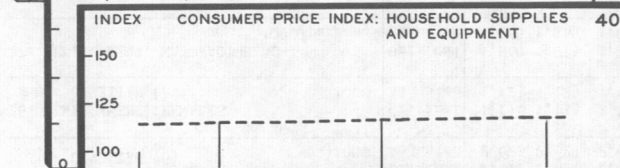
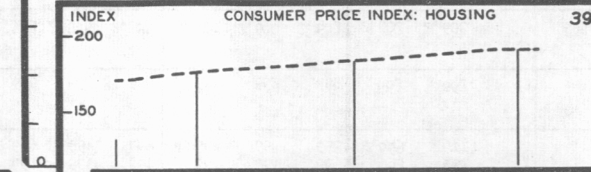
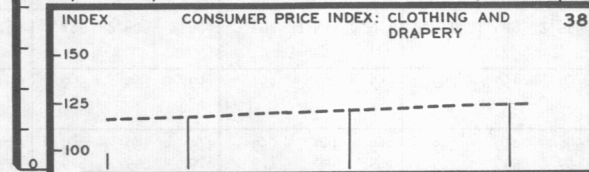
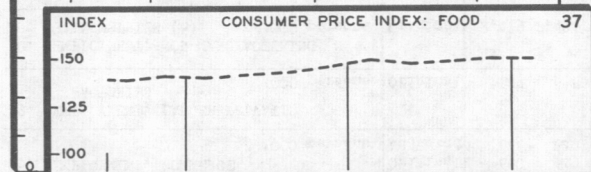
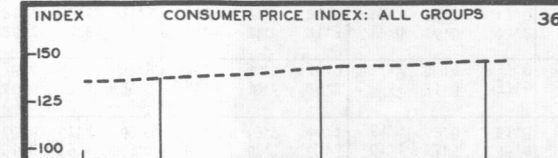
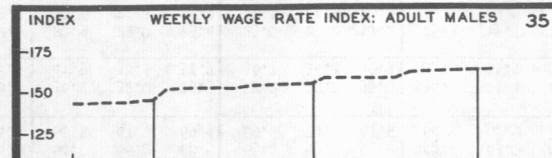
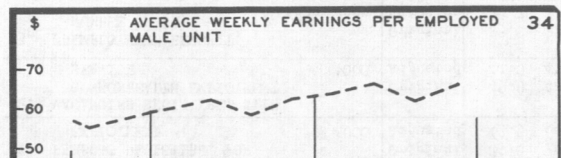
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		1966-67						1967-68												1968-69						
		Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	
WAGES, RETAIL PRICES																										
34. AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT	\$	Original	58.30			62.40			63.40			66.20			61.90			65.90								
35. WEEKLY WAGE RATES INDEX, ADULT MALES (a)	1954 = 100	Original	154.3	154.5	154.8	155.1	155.2	155.3	158.9	159.0	159.0	159.1	159.2	159.2	161.6	161.9	162.3	<sup>f</sup> 162.7	<sup>f</sup> 163.1	<sup>f</sup> 163.3	163.7					
36. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, ALL GROUPS	1952-53 = 100	Original	138.9			140.6			142.5			142.9			143.5			144.6			145.2					
37. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, FOOD	1952-53 = 100	Original	141.6			144.2			148.3			147.0			148.0			149.4			149.0					
38. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals CLOTHING AND DRAPERY	1952-53 = 100	Original	119.7			120.8			121.2			122.0			122.3			122.9			123.5					
39. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSING	1952-53 = 100	Original	179.5			182.5			184.4			186.7			187.6			190.0			191.3					
40. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT	1952-53 = 100	Original	115.0			115.6			115.8			116.3			116.4			117.3			117.5					
41. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, six capitals, MISCELLANEOUS GROUP	1952-53 = 100	Original	149.3			150.4			151.5			153.1			153.5			154.3			156.4					
INTERNAL TRADE																										
42. RETAIL SALES, ALL ITEMS except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (b)	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	543 587	530 593	574 587	558 589	607 595	576 598	572 606	595 606	602 614	<sup>f</sup> 606 617	<sup>f</sup> 648 € 20	<sup>f</sup> 815 € 20	<sup>f</sup> 587 620	<sup>f</sup> 577 619	<sup>f</sup> 597 627	<sup>f</sup> * 598 621	<sup>f</sup> * 660 632	<sup>f</sup> * 587 635	<sup>f</sup> * 618 637	640 644				
43. RETAIL SALES, GROCERIES (b)	\$ mill.	Original	281			291			305			333			307											
44. RETAIL SALES, OTHER FOOD AND DRINK (b)	\$ mill.	Original	569			558			571			631			606											
45. RETAIL SALES, TOTAL FOOD AND DRINK (b)	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	<sup>f</sup> 848 863			<sup>f</sup> 847 874			<sup>f</sup> 873 892			<sup>f</sup> 961 905			<sup>f</sup> 911 917			<sup>f</sup> * 893 927								
46. RETAIL SALES, CLOTHING, ELECTRICAL, HARDWARE AND FURNITURE (b)	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	<sup>f</sup> 489 567			<sup>f</sup> 582 578			<sup>f</sup> 573 594			<sup>f</sup> 708 612			<sup>f</sup> 525 601			<sup>f</sup> * 615 610								
47. RETAIL SALES, OTHER (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (b)	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	307 330			<sup>f</sup> 310 333			<sup>f</sup> 324 339			<sup>f</sup> 400 341			<sup>f</sup> 325 345			<sup>f</sup> * 332 357								
48. INSTALMENT CREDIT for retail sales, non-retail finance businesses, BALANCES OUTSTANDING (c)	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	1,104 1,090	1,091 1,090	1,086 1,092	1,090 1,098	1,097 1,104	1,102 1,112	1,107 1,116	1,119 1,125	1,130 1,132	1,147 1,145	1,168 1,157	1,182 1,164	1,191 1,176	1,189 1,188	1,195 1,201	* 1,205 1,212	* 1,221 1,228	* 1,232 1,243	* 1,242 1,253	* 1,251 1,257		1,252 1,258		1,263 1,265
49. NEW TRACTORS SOLD FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES	No.	Original	(f) 4,754			(f) 5,259			3,528			3,512			<sup>f</sup> 4,278			4,729								
50. NEW MOTOR CARS AND STATION WAGONS REGISTERED	'000	Original Adjusted	22.2 27.2	23.4 25.9	27.7 26.9	26.0 26.8	29.1 27.4	27.5 27.9	27.3 27.3	30.2 27.6	28.6 28.6	31.4 30.0	32.5 30.4	29.6 30.1	25.7 30.1	29.7 31.4	31.6 31.5	31.7 32.2	36.8 34.2	31.6 34.4	31.8 29.4	28.2 26.8	27.3 27.9			
51. OTHER NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED (d)	'000	Original Adjusted	4.9 6.4	5.4 6.3	6.6 6.9	6.6 6.7	7.6 6.6	6.8 6.4	6.8 6.5	7.0 6.6	6.3 6.2	6.9 6.6	7.1 6.3	5.6 6.3	5.4 6.7	5.8 6.5	5.5 5.6	5.4 5.6	7.5 6.5	7.2 7.5	8.1 7.1	7.3 7.1	6.8 6.7			
52. TELEVISION VIEWERS' LICENCES, NEW ISSUES (e)	'000	Original	16.0	26.9	28.3	20.1	23.6	23.7	23.3	25.4	21.4	21.5	20.1	17.6	16.5	36.8	28.8	19.0	23.3	21.2	23.9	26.6				

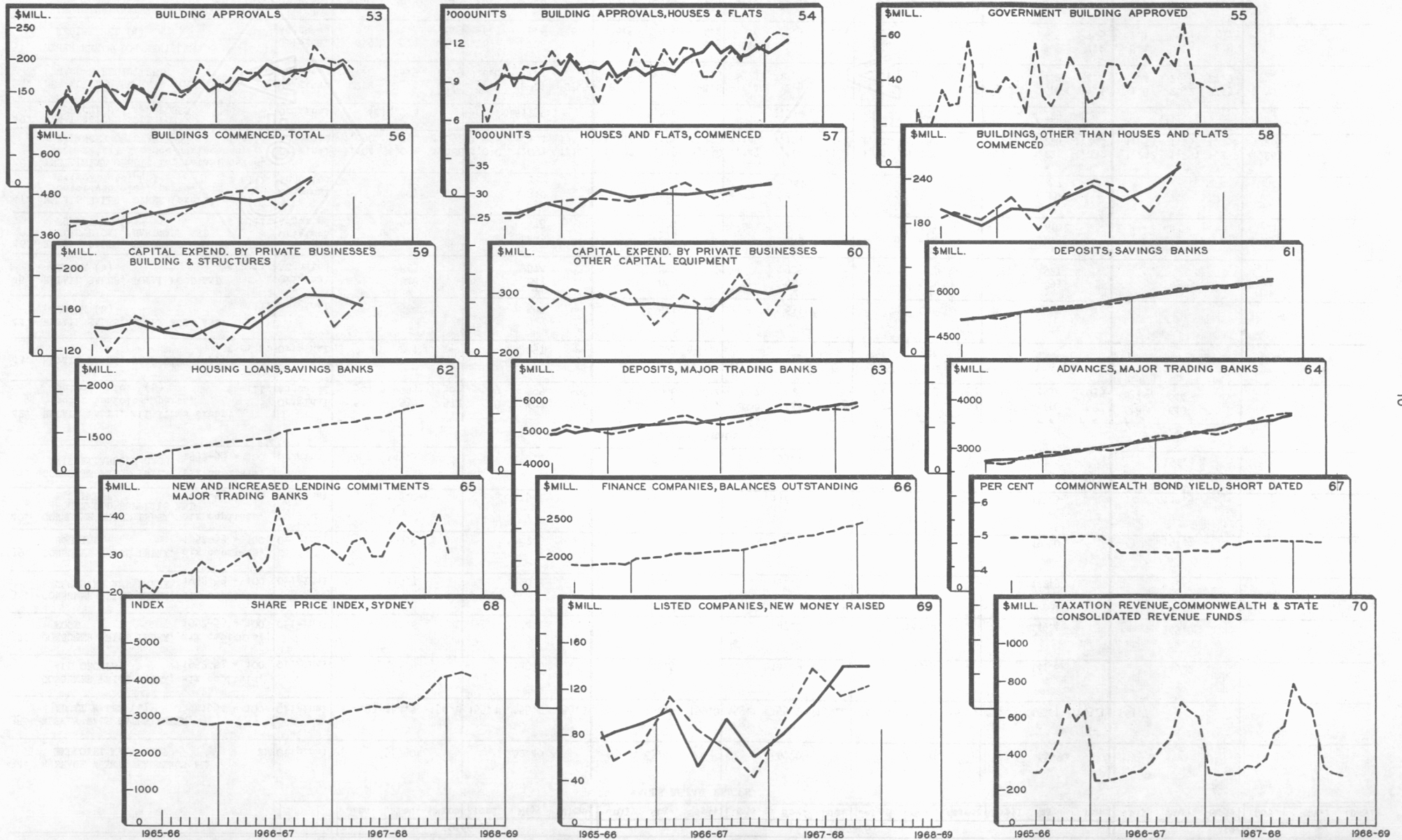
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(e) Includes new issues of television viewers' licences and new issues of combined television viewers' and broadcast listeners' licences. Includes new issues to persons whose previous licence had expired; these may increase significantly in certain months due to special licence inspection campaigns of the P.M.G.'s Department. (f) Excludes wheel tractors of 15 horsepower or less.

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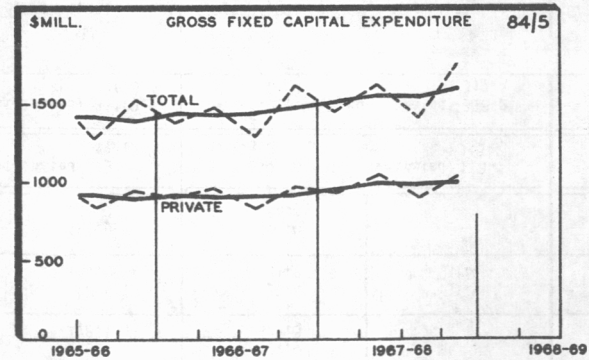
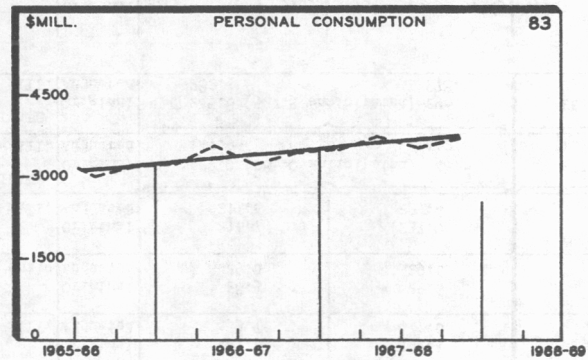
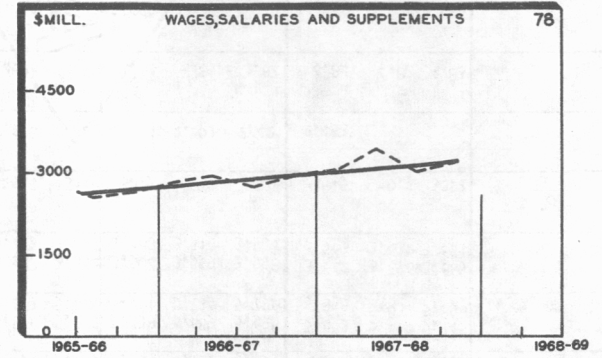
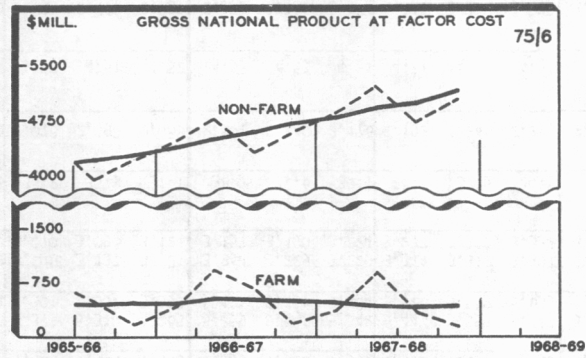
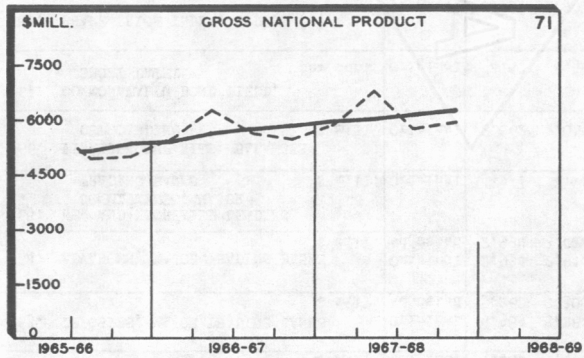




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		Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	
BUILDING, ETC.																										
53.	BUILDING APPROVALS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	149.3 180.0	147.7 170.4	142.4 151.4	153.6 156.9	195.5 171.2	176.6 152.9	158.3 162.3	168.1 154.8	190.7 173.8	180.4 169.5	181.6 179.6	159.0 196.4	165.1 188.5	165.2 181.0	182.4 185.7	175.0 186.9	223.4 195.3	202.6 192.6	198.6 185.6	203.3 196.4	187.2 171.0		
54.	BUILDING APPROVALS, HOUSES AND FLATS	'000 units	Original Adjusted	7.4 10.1	9.8 10.7	9.0 9.4	9.8 9.9	11.8 10.2	10.3 9.6	10.2 10.1	11.7 10.2	10.4 10.0	11.8 10.8	11.6 11.2	9.4 11.4	9.4 12.3	10.8 11.3	11.7 11.9	10.7 11.0	12.9 11.2	11.6 11.9	12.7 11.4	13.0 11.9	12.9 12.5		
55.	GOVERNMENT BUILDING APPROVED	\$ mill.	Original	57.2	32.6	28.5	36.7	50.7	44.6	29.8	32.5	48.1	47.7	36.5	43.8	52.1	43.0	52.4	46.4	66.4	39.3	38.1	35.6	36.6		
56.	BUILDINGS COMMENCED, TOTAL	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted		447.6 453.7			484.3 471.6			494.2 462.2			438.5 478.1			522.9 529.8									
57.	HOUSES AND FLATS COMMENCED	'000 units	Original Adjusted		28.3 29.0			29.6 29.6			31.5 29.5			28.6 30.0			30.4 31.2			31.5 31.4						
58.	BUILDINGS, OTHER THAN HOUSES AND FLATS, COMMENCED	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted		216.7 213.4			237.0 227.6			226.7 209.6			193.9 225.0			260.8 256.4									
59.	NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE BUSINESSES Buildings and structures (a)	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	122.0 (285.0 anticipated)					148.8	167.1 (335.9 anticipated)					191.8	143.0 (326.4 anticipated)					172.8	(419.4 anticipated)				
				147.9					142.4	162.5					174.2	173.8					165.2					
60.	NEW CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY PRIVATE BUSINESSES Other capital equipment (a)	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	245.8 (527.5 anticipated)					296.7	266.7 (595.6 anticipated)					331.0	261.2 (604.5 anticipated)					338.2	(637.0 anticipated)				
				282.3					278.1	271.3					306.8	300.2					317.3					
FINANCE																										
61.	DEPOSITS, SAVINGS BANKS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,512 5,506	5,544 5,549	5,551 5,593	5,558 5,642	5,623 5,709	5,765 5,756	5,821 5,805	5,890 5,853	5,952 5,903	6,001 5,949	6,031 5,984	6,021 6,003	6,046 6,049	6,071 6,075	6,068 6,104	6,043 6,142	6,112 6,199	6,222 6,222	6,280 6,261	6,349 6,299	6,385 6,341		
62.	HOUSING LOANS, SAVINGS BANKS	\$ mill.	Original	1,448	1,458	1,477	1,488	1,504	1,549	1,559	1,574	1,590	1,602	1,617	1,637	1,643	1,658	1,675	1,690	1,705	1,751	1,767	1,779	1,795		
63.	DEPOSITS, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,383 5,262	5,489 5,300	5,516 5,324	5,537 5,301	5,310 5,352	5,265 5,357	5,259 5,421	5,298 5,456	5,342 5,484	5,447 5,526	5,593 5,589	5,717 5,633	5,819 5,689	5,816 5,613	5,832 5,627	5,759 5,686	5,689 5,734	5,698 5,796	5,683 5,858	5,668 5,837	5,745 5,898		
64.	ADVANCES, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	2,934 2,998	2,912 3,024	2,962 3,040	3,086 3,070	3,137 3,098	3,181 3,124	3,244 3,157	3,229 3,190	3,229 3,224	3,311 3,277	3,312 3,302	3,307 3,332	3,267 3,337	3,288 3,413	3,354 3,441	3,504 3,483	3,559 3,513	3,598 3,534	3,662 3,563	3,676 3,632	3,665 3,661		
65.	NEW AND INCREASED LENDING COMMITMENTS, MAJOR TRADING BANKS	\$ mill.	Original	25.7	28.4	42.6	35.2	35.9	31.1	36.9	32.6	30.7	28.4	33.5	34.5	29.7	29.7	34.8	38.5	35.9	34.9	35.5	40.7	30.7		
66.	FINANCE COMPANIES, BALANCES OUTSTANDING (b)	\$ mill.	Original	2,062	2,065	2,080	2,078	2,098	2,088	2,107	2,142	2,176	2,192	2,246	2,259	2,277	2,288	2,329	2,354	2,407	2,421	2,453				
67.	COMMONWEALTH BOND YIELD, SHORT DATED	per cent	Original	4.50	4.51	4.51	4.52	4.51	4.52	4.53	4.53	4.51	4.51	4.75	4.71	4.80	4.84	4.86	4.87	4.85	4.84	4.84	4.83	4.83		
68.	SHARE PRICE INDEX, SYDNEY (c)		Original	2,939	2,907	2,840	2,855	2,860	2,835	2,972	3,132	3,184	3,236	3,330	3,270	3,316	3,423	3,367	3,509	3,825	4,077	4,162	4,224	4,166		
69.	LISTED COMPANIES, NEW MONEY RAISED	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted		67.9 93.5			43.4 60.6			92.4 81.0			139.1 107.7			114.8 140.3			123.0 140.1						
70.	TAXATION REVENUE, COMMONWEALTH AND STATE Consolidated revenue funds	\$ mill.	Original	362.0	436.2	490.8	686.2	628.1	597.2	292.9	283.0	287.8	302.8	335.0	326.8	368.7	508.2	551.8	781.3	675.1	643.9	333.9	301.1	283.5		

(a) See notes, page 14. (b) Contracts including charges, plus contracts excluding charges. Amounts shown are intended to provide a broad overall measure of total balances outstanding; however, movements may be affected by changes in the proportion of the two components to the total. (c) Average, three years ended June 1939 = 1,000. \* Preliminary. † Revised.

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		1966-67		1967-68				1968-69	
		March Qtr	June Qtr	Sept. Qtr	Dec. Qtr	March Qtr	June Qtr	Sept. Qtr	Dec. Qtr
NATIONAL ACCOUNTS									
71. GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,609 5,766	5,468 5,868	5,813 5,909	6,753 6,026	5,723 6,110	5,924 6,282	
72. <u>plus</u> IMPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	951 960	979 968	1,007 986	966 990	1,100 1,110	1,086 1,075	
73. <u>less</u> EXPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	885 898	935 907	853 888	905 884	854 867	929 900	
74. GROSS NATIONAL EXPENDITURE	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,675 5,828	5,512 5,929	5,967 6,007	6,814 6,132	5,969 6,353	6,081 6,457	
GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT AT FACTOR COST -									
75. FARM	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	661 538	194 533	365 502	875 431	335 436	155 437	
76. NON-FARM	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	4,339 4,611	4,637 4,727	4,845 4,784	5,242 4,956	4,719 4,997	5,058 5,166	
77. <u>TOTAL</u>	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	5,000 5,149	4,831 5,260	5,210 5,286	6,117 5,387	5,054 5,433	5,213 5,603	
78. WAGES, SALARIES AND SUPPLEMENTS	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	2,768 2,890	2,955 2,985	3,026 3,013	3,230 3,108	3,003 3,112	3,205 3,236	
79. INCOME OF FARM UNINCORPORATED ENTERPRISES	\$ mill.	Original	455	6	148	630	131	-42	
80. OTHER PERSONAL INCOME	\$ mill.	Original	1,068	1,270	1,145	1,296	1,133	1,348	
81. <u>less</u> INCOME TAX PAYABLE and estate and gift duties	\$ mill.	Original	499	493	528	658	521	556	
82. PERSONAL DISPOSABLE INCOME	\$ mill.	Original	3,792	3,738	3,791	4,498	3,746	3,955	
83. PERSONAL CONSUMPTION	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	3,252 3,410	3,438 3,461	3,505 3,547	3,842 3,617	3,520 3,678	3,716 3,741	
GROSS FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE -									
84. PRIVATE	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	838 919	966 929	949 958	1,055 996	912 1,000	1,052 1,013	
85. <u>TOTAL</u>	\$ mill.	Original Adjusted	1,307 1,446	1,600 1,465	1,467 1,524	1,622 1,555	1,410 1,559	1,762 1,617	

# EXPLANATORY NOTES

For further details of these items see publications listed on page 15

	Publication Reference No. (Page 15)		Publication Reference No. (Page 15)
Item		Item	
1. ..	16,22	48.	Figures relate to balances outstanding (including hiring charges and insurance) at end of period in respect of retail sales made by finance businesses which are not themselves retailers. Amounts financed - new agreements made exclude hiring charges, insurance and retailers' subsidiaries. 13,14
2. Total generated, including electricity not for sale	22		
3. Includes gas produced in gas works and gas purchased from oil refineries. Does not include natural gas. ..	22	49.	Excludes wheel tractors of 15 horsepower or less before July 1967, and crawler tractors of 3,000 pounds weight or less. .. 35
4. Includes recovery from scrap. ..	22	50,51	Registrations recorded by the registration authorities. Includes all government owner vehicles other than Defence Service vehicles. 30,31
5. Portland cement. ..	22		
6. Includes finished and partly finished motor vehicles. 22,28	22,28	52.	Includes new issues of television viewers' licences and new issues of combined television viewers' and broadcast listeners' licences. 17
7. Includes those made and incorporated by manufacturers in their own products. 22,26	22,26	53,54.	Building permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorised by government authorities. Number of houses and flats relate to individual living units. 4
8. Includes mixtures predominantly of cotton. ..	22,25		
9. Includes mixtures predominantly of wool. ..	22,29	55.	Contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorised by government authorities for their own use, the use of their employees, rental or sale. 4
10. Includes sandals and moulded plastic footwear but not slippers, sandshoes, goloshes or rubber gum boots. ..	22,27	56.	Estimated value of buildings on completion, excluding land. 5
11. In terms of fresh meat (carcass weight). Total production including estimates for meat produced from animals slaughtered on farms. 15	15	57.	Excludes conversions to flats. .. 5,6
12. ..	10	58.	See 56 above. .. 5
13. Source: National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. Bales received into selling brokers' stores for disposal, excluding quantities received for re-sale. ..	-	59,60	Statistics are from returns showing actual expenditure for each quarter and anticipated expenditure for next half-year, obtained from private businesses subject to Pay-roll Tax (other than rural, professional, gas and electricity), from government banks and airlines, and from other businesses undertaking projects of more than \$500,000 in any half year. 7
14. The value of wool sold at auction and privately by wool selling brokers, including wool carried over and sold and also wool resold. -	-	61.	Deposits at end of period - all savings banks. .. 33,34
15. Average price which a N.S.W. clip of constant average quality would realise if sold at the level of prices obtaining in the specified month. 18	18	62.	Housing loans outstanding at end of period, all savings banks. 33,34
16-17. Total recorded overseas trade. See preface and explanatory notes, Monthly Bulletin of Overseas Trade Statistics. ..	20	63,64	Monthly averages of weekly figures of the major trading banks, (the Commonwealth Trading Bank and the seven private trading banks). 2,3
18. Indexes of values at average 1966-67 prices. New series of indexes first published in the bulletin "Exports and Imports of Merchandise at Constant Prices" (Ref. No. 8.21) on 10 October 1968, in which a full description of sources and methods is given. ..	1,37	65	Weekly average for period ending second Wednesday of month. The series comprises new and increased lending commitments for both overdrafts and term loans entered into by major trading banks (commitments in respect of temporary loans to woolbuyers are excluded). Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. 17
19-20. Net gold and foreign exchange holdings (Official and Banking Institutions). Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. December figures as at end of period, other figures last Wednesday of month. -	12	66.	At end of period. Covers main types of lending by finance companies in Australia, comprising instalment credit for retail sales, wholesale hire purchase, other consumer and commercial loans and factoring. In so far as they provide instalment credit for retail sales the Finance Companies are also included in 51, Instalment Credit for Retail Sales. Includes leasing. 13,17
21. Includes permanent defence forces in Australia or overseas. Based on returns of Government employment, Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections. 11	11	67.	Theoretical 2 year securities. Average for the week is centred on the last Wednesday of the month. Income subject to Commonwealth taxation less rebate of 10 cents per dollar. Source: Reserve Bank of Australia. 17
22,24-6. Includes all government employees in Australia (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) employed on services such as railways, post office, etc., as well as administrative employees. ..	11	68.	Average of monthly prices per \$2 of paid-up capital, 75 companies, adjusted for changes in capital structure. As published by Deputy Commonwealth Statistician, Sydney. 17,18
27. Includes employees directly engaged in manufacturing activity and selling and distribution staff. ..	11	69.	Companies listed on Australian stock exchanges. New money raised is the net amount of cash transferred from the investing public to the issuing companies through the issues of shares, debentures, notes and similar securities and the acceptance of deposits. The investing public includes banks and life insurance companies (except when subscribing to issues by associated companies) and government and private superannuation funds, but excludes other government agencies. .. 8,17
28. ..	11		
29. Survey conducted jointly with Department of Labour and National Service. See 22 above. ..	11	70.	Excludes taxation collections paid direct to trust funds, e.g. motor taxes. -
30. Source: Department of Labour and National Service, Registrations with Commonwealth Employment Service. ..	11	71-85	For references to concepts see "Australian National Accounts, National Income and Expenditure", published May, 1968. 19
31,32. Excludes persons receiving sickness or special benefits and persons receiving the special benefits paid to migrants in reception and training centres. Source: Department of Social Services. 11	11	86.	.. 5
34. Male units represent total male employees plus 55 per cent of female employees. 17,36	17,36	87.	Includes major additions and major alterations to existing buildings 5
35. Index of weighted average minimum weekly rates payable for a full week's work (excluding overtime) as prescribed in awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The base of each index number is the weighted average weekly wage for Australia. 17,36	17,36	88.	End of quarter. Includes hiring charges, interest, insurance, etc. 14
36-41. Consumer price index. New index first published 12 August 1960. For particulars of composition and weighting see Labour Report No. 51, 1964. 9	9		
42-7. Figures relate to retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, repairs, accommodation, entertainment, meals, etc.) by establishments which normally sell goods by retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks and yards. Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. 32	32		



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